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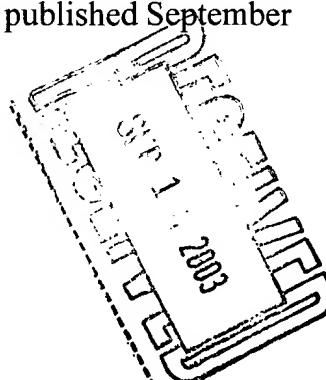
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,  
Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention a Search Report issued in Singapore Patent  
Application No. 20010782-4 (a copy of which is attached hereto) in which the following  
documents were cited:

Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei. 11-39389 to Obayashi Corp., entitled "Electronic  
Purchase System", which was published February 12, 1999, along with and English language  
abstract.

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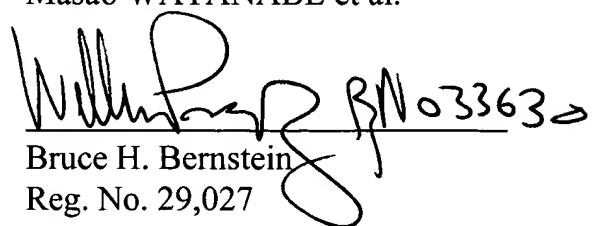
U.S. Patent No. 6,014,628, to Kovarik, Jr. issued on January 11, 2000.

The relevance and pertinent portions of each of these documents is as noted on the attached copy of the Search Report.

Copies of the above-noted documents (including the International Search Report, English language translation, and English language abstracts), except for JP11-39389 and its abstract, which have been submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 20, 2002, are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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